

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace – Recreation/Community Service Building

November 1, 2016

6:00 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight/Chairperson, Joe Carta (via phone), Elderrean Paules, Phil Cacciola, Keith Vinci, Joe Bibisi

Absent: Marie Hurley, August DeFrances, Richard Pelletier, Sky Binney – Youth in Government

Staff Present: Debbie Stanley, Acting Director, Recreation/Community Services, Karen Nocera, Recreation/Community Services

General Public:

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:02pm.

3. Public Hearing:

4. Approval of Minutes: *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 4, 2016, was made by Joe Bibisi and seconded by Elderrean Paules with the amendment of Keith Vinci being in attendance. The motion carried.*

Departmental Reports:

- Phil Cacciola did not have anything to report.
- Joe Bibisi stated that he attended a meeting with Code Enforcement. Joe Carta's ramp is out of code and Dean Lisitano will send a letter from Code Enforcement to the builder. The builder may be going into foreclosure. He has not responded to letters in the past. Joe Carta has an attorney working with the City. If the builder does not respond to the City Attorney, he can be fined per day. A discussion ensued. Joe also commended the senior members for donating blankets, etc. to the shelter. The warming shelter opens on November 20th at the South Congregational Church. Breakfast is served every Sunday for the homeless.
- Elderrean Paules stated that everything is ok at Monarca Place. A discussion ensued.
- Karen Nocera stated that the Fall Festival went well despite poor weather. She explained the Teal Project. On Halloween, if you put out a teal colored pumpkin, you will be handing out "non candy" items for those that can't eat candy. Keith Vinci is instructing another sign language class here for the Recreation Department. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci stated that the Brownfield project was approved but there is no funding at this time. A discussion ensued.
- Debbie Stanley stated that the senior Oktoberfest went very well. The Senior Services Department receives very large crowds for all special events. Debbie has asked Billy Russo to look into additional parking on the island on the North side of the building. Seniors have been complaining about the lack of parking at the center. A discussion ensued.

Elderrean Paules made a motion to continue to meet on the First Tuesday of the month at 6pm and Joe Bibisi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business

- Keith Vinci asked Marty Knight how the training was going for the IBS Voting system. Marty replied that on Friday, October 28th he was invited to City Hall with Richard Pelletier and the Registrar of Voters and staff showed him how the new IBS system worked. He voted on the new system and was shown how to take the ballot out of the printer and how to put the ballot into the tabulator. Marty also stated that the Moderator Training was tonight and that he was on his way to the training meeting right from the CCPD meeting.

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

Adjournment: *A motion of adjournment was made by Elderrean Paules and was seconded by Keith Vinci. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte